

NOTICES

Lourdes 2023

We are hoping to take a group of Pilgrims to Lourdes from Monday 4th September until Friday 8th September 2023. The cost is £651 for those willing to share a room or £751 for those who want a single room this does not include transfers to and from the airport in this country. This is for full board and is based on us taking 15 people. If you would like to go please add your name to the list at the back of church before 5th March then we now about the viability.

Earthquake Relief Fund

This morning we continue our collection at each of our churches for the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Appeal Fund for those effected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. This will be ongoing for the next few weeks.

Palm Crosses

Please bring your Palm Crosses back to church before Wednesday for recycling to use as the ash for Ash Wednesday.

(Women's) World Day of Prayer.

The World Day of Prayer will take place at Sacred Heart on Friday 3rd March at 2.30pm.

Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage

The Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham is from 31st July until 4th August. We are planning to take our young people to this camp and in order to make full use of the funding opportunities we need to know who is wanting to come along as soon as possible. If you are aged 11-18 and are interested, please take a leaflet with you and fill in the form, handing in back to Fr Schaefer.

PCC Meetings

Hickleton PCC will meet on Thursday 2nd March at 7pm at Goldthorpe.

Food Bank

We are collecting items for the Salvation Army Food Bank and there is a basket at the back of church. For the donation basket could we ask that they donate tins, packets, etc that are in date and do not need any refrigeration. The Salvation Army have asked for Long Life Milk in particular and non milk products for the lactose intolerant. Thank you.

Coffee Mornings

Each Tuesday, after Mass at Bolton Church Hall there is a Coffee Morning and the chance to socialise and chat. On each first Saturday of the month we are holding a Coffee Morning at Bolton Church Hall.

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, GOLDTHORPE.

22nd February 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY



(Missal page 107)

We gather together as Jesus commanded us in order to celebrate his living presence amongst us, and to participate in his risen life by sharing his body and blood. He

calls us together, we hear His word in scripture, we give thanks for all that He has given us and we pray for the needs of His world. As we celebrate all that God has done for us in Jesus, we have the opportunity to feed on Him and so become more like Him, joining with Him and the hosts of Heaven in this act of love and worship.

It is our custom to spend time in quiet reflection before each of our services, this enables us to focus our minds on our worship and prepare to receive the Lord Jesus afresh in our lives.

THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites

When the bell rings we stand.

**Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**Let us thine endurance share,
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.**

**And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.**

Priest: + In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit

People: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit.**

The Mass is introduced along with its intention

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The Collect or prayer for the day

Let us pray

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service,

so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Joel.

Joel 2:12-18

'Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.' Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent. Who knows if he will not turn again, will not relent, will not leave a blessing as he passes, oblation and libation for the Lord your God? Sound the trumpet in Zion! Order a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, call the people together, summon the community, assemble the elders, gather the children, even the infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his bedroom and the bride her alcove. Between vestibule and altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, lament. Let them say, 'Spare your people, Lord! Do not make your heritage a thing of shame, a byword for the nations. Why should it be said among the nations, "Where is their God?"' Then the Lord, jealous on behalf of his land, took pity on his people.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

My offences truly I know them;

my sin is always before me

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;

what is evil in your sight I have done.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

O Lord, open my lips

and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading

A Reading from the second letter of

S. Paul to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

We are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. As his fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God that you have received. For he says: At the favourable time, I have listened to you; on the day of salvation I came to your help. Well, now is the

LENT

Lent is the great Season of Grace in the Church's Year during which we prepare physically and spiritually for the great events of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection by fasting, prayer and works of charity. Our Mass takes on a more sombre tone to focus our minds on our own unworthiness of the great things God does for us in His Son, so that we may be a worthy and holy people devoted to Him.

The Communion Hymn follows

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weak-
ness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

*The Post Communion prayer
We stand*

Priest: Let us pray.
May the Sacrament we have
received sustain us, O Lord,
that our Lenten fast may be
pleasing to you
and be for us a healing remedy.
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen**

The Concluding Rites

Prayer over the People

Priest: Pour out a spirit of compunction,
O God, on those who bow
before your majesty, and by
your mercy may they merit the
rewards you promise to those
who do penance.
Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen**

Priest: and may the blessing of
almighty God, the Father, and
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain
with you for ever

People: **Amen**

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended
People: **Thanks be to God**

We sing our final Hymn

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross; let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine
arm.**

**Take up thy cross, nor heed the
shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
The Lord for thee the Cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.**

favourable time; this is the day of
salvation.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
and give me again the joy of your help.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal
glory!**

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit.**

+A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Glorify to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be careful
not to parade your good deeds before
men to attract their notice; by doing this
you will lose all reward from your Father
in heaven. So when you give alms, do
not have it trumpeted before you; this is
what the hypocrites do in the synagogues
and in the streets to win men's
admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have
had their reward. But when you give
alms, your left hand must not know what
your right is doing; your almsgiving must
be secret, and your Father who sees all
that is done in secret will reward you.
'And when you pray, do not imitate the
hypocrites: they love to say their prayers
standing up in the synagogues and at the
street corners for people to see them; I
tell you solemnly, they have had their
reward. But when you pray, go to your
private room and, when you have shut
your door, pray to your Father who is in
that secret place, and your Father who
sees all that is done in secret will reward
you. 'When you fast do not put on a
gloomy look as the hypocrites do: they
pull long faces to let men know they are
fasting. I tell you solemnly, they have had
their reward. But when you fast, put oil on
your head and wash your face, so that no

one will know you are fasting except your
Father who sees all that is done in
secret; and your Father who sees all that is
done in secret will reward you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily now follows

We sit

*After the Homily, the Priest, standing with hands
joined, says:*

Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly ask God our Father that he
be pleased to bless with the abundance of
his grace these ashes, which we will put on
our heads in penitence.

*After a brief prayer in silence, and, with hands
extended, he continues:*

O God, who are moved by acts of humility
and respond with forgiveness to works of
penance, lend your merciful ear to our
prayers and in your kindness pour out the
grace of your + blessing on your servants
who are marked with these ashes, that, as
they follow the Lenten observances, they
may be worthy to come with minds made
pure to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of
your Son.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

*He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying
anything.*

*Then the Priest places ashes on the head of all those
present who come to him, and says to each one:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust
you shall return.

*After the distribution of ashes, the Priest washes his
hands and proceeds to the Bidding Prayers,*

We stand for

The Bidding Prayers

Response

Priest: Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Priest: +Rest eternal grant unto them
O Lord

People: **and let light perpetual shine up-
on them**

Priest: May they rest in peace

People: **Amen**

People: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord
is with thee. Blessed art thou
among women and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy
Mary, Mother of God pray for us
sinners now, and at the hour of
our death.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

We sing the Offertory Hymn

**Stand up! stand up for Jesus !
Ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up! stand up for Jesus !
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Ye that are men, now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up! stand up for Jesus !
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there!**

**Stand up! stand up for Jesus !
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally**

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people respond each time

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The prayer over the Offerings

As we solemnly offer the annual sacrifice for the beginning of Lent, we entreat you, O Lord, that, through works of penance and charity, we may turn away from harmful pleasures and, cleansed from our sins, may become worthy to celebrate devoutly the Passion of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just**

The Preface follows, at the end of the preface we sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your
glory Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We Kneel

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words of Consecration the priest says:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People **When we eat this bread and
drink this cup we proclaim
your death O Lord until you
come again**

At the conclusion of the prayer:

Through him, and with him, and in him
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is
yours, for ever and ever.

People: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

We stand

Priest: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine
teaching, we dare to say:

People: **Our Father, who art in
heaven, hallowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass
against us; and lead us
not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray,
from every evil, graciously
grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your
mercy, we may be always
free from sin and safe from
all distress, as we await the
blessed hope and the
coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

People **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said
to your Apostles: Peace
I leave you, my peace I give
you; look not on our sins, but
on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her
peace and unity in
accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever
and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be
with you always.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign
of peace

The Breaking of the Bread

People: **Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
grant us peace**

We kneel

Priest: +Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to
the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that
you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

The Communion Sentence

Priest: He who ponders the law of the
Lord day and night will yield fruit
in due season.

We come forward to receive Holy Communion